



**MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**  
**Wednesday, April 2, 2014**  
**Community Room, Mansfield Community Center**  
**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Sara Anderson, Fred Baruzzi, Lisa Bovee, Julie Campbell, Terry Cook, Lisa Dahn, Susan Daley, Sarah Delia (staff), Jane Goldman, Cindy Guerreri, Katherine Johansen, Kathleen Krider (staff), Mark LaPlaca, Rachel Leclerc, Brett Reynolds, Pat Schneider, Esther Soffer-Roberts, Judy Stoughton, Linda Williams, Jillene Woodmansee and Kelly Zimmerman.

**Regrets** Jordana Frost, Rita Kornblum, Mary Jane Newman, Jeff Smithson

<b>WHAT</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
CALL TO ORDER	Kathleen Krider called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.	
CONSENT AGENDA	Approval of the Minutes of March 5, 2014 meeting.	<i>The March 5, 2014 Minutes were approved with amendments.</i>
SPECIAL BUISINESS	<b>Community Assessment Tool:</b> Cindy Guerreri <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cindy led the membership in discussing and evaluating the Assessment Tool about MAC's performance over the past year.</li> <li>Members of MAC volunteered to fill areas of need identified by the Community Assessment Tool.</li> </ul>	<i>Discussion completed.</i>  <i>Linda Williams will be the point person for the Scorecard database. The Executive Council will consist of Terry Cook, Susan Daley, Cindy Guerreri, Pat Schneider, Mary Sposito, Sara Anderson, Kathleen Krider, Sarah Delia and possibly Jordana Frost or Rita Kornblum. Sarah Delia will send out a doodle poll to find a time for an Executive Council Meeting. Need to look into finding another person to take Sara Anderson's place on the Human Services Advisory Committee.</i>
TEAM UPDATES	<b>Staff Reports:</b> <b>Playground Committee:</b> Sara Anderson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground Committee is applying for a grant</li> </ul>	

	<p>from New Alliance Bank for \$10,000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Eggztravanza Egg Hunt will be at the Community Center on Saturday, April 19 at 1:00pm.</li> <li>• The administration of the Run for the Playground will be taken over by the Willimantic Athletic Club for this year.</li> <li>• There will be a fundraiser at the Adventure Park in Storrs.</li> <li>• The Children's Committee, led by Kelly Zimmerman will be starting this spring.</li> <li>• An RFP for site design for the Playground was issued. After the preliminary site work is designed the Town will be able to ascertain what resources they will be able to dedicate to the project. The Committee will also know how much money they will need to raise to complete the project and more details on the time frame for the building of the Playground.</li> </ul> <p><b>POP - Judy Stoughton</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Parent POP was held on Saturday, March 22 at the Mansfield Public Library at 10:00am. There were 10-11 parents in attendance and 6-7 children. There was good feedback from the program, it was a very participatory event, and some parents were more comfortable with the format than others.</li> <li>• The Kid and Family POP will be held on Friday, April 11 in the evening at the Public Library.</li> </ul> <p><b>Website now live – Brett Reynolds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new MAC website is now live and available to anyone who clicks on the Mansfield Advocates for Children, either through a search or through the Town website.</li> </ul> <p><b>Home Schooling Policy – Mark LaPlaca</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark reported that the BOE Policy committee will look at the participation in After School Services by resident, non-enrolled students.</li> <li>• There is also a question of whether resident non-enrolled students will be offered special education services such as speech therapy. This issue is not as clear.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
OLD BUSINESS	<p><b>Development of Executive Council/Revision of By-Laws - Jillene Woodmansee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jillene reported that the By-Law Subcommittee is ready to place the By-Law revisions before the MAC membership.</li> </ul>	<p><i>The By-Law Revisions were passed out and will be considered at the next MAC meeting.</i></p>
PARKING LOT	1. Transportation	

<p>ADJOURN</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.</p> <p>Next MAC Meeting, <b>Wednesday, May 7, 2014, 5:30pm – 7:30pm at the Senior Center at 303 Maple Road.</b></p> <p>Agenda topics: Please send to Kathleen at <a href="mailto:kriderk@mansfieldct.org">kriderk@mansfieldct.org</a></p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Sarah Delia Assistant to the Early Childhood Services Coordinator</p>	
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**“All Mansfield Children ages birth through 8 years old are healthy, successful learners, and their families are connected to the community.”**